

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct informalities and to avoid the necessity of amending the drawings.

Claims 1-6, previously rejected, have been cancelled and new claims 7-9 have now been submitted. Claim 7, the new independent claim, contains the following limitations;

a cover member having latch means disposed oppositely to said first means and having first, second and third recesses;

a base member having latch engagement means disposed oppositely to said first means and including a latch pin;

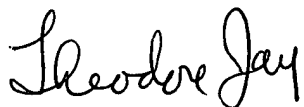
a mechanism for moving the pin out of engagement with all of said recesses when the members are in open position and moving the pin into a selected one of said recesses when the members are in closed position.

None of the references, either individually or in combination, disclose or suggest the use of a cover member having first, second and third recesses. None of these references, either individually or in combination, disclose or suggest the use of a mechanism for moving the pin out of engagement with all of the references when the members are in open position and moving the pin into a selected one of these recesses when the members are in closed position.

Applicants compact would be inoperative if these recesses were eliminated.

Accordingly, claim 7 is deemed to be allowable over the references of record and such allowance is respectfully requested. Claims 8 and 9 are dependent upon claim 7 and are thus believed to be allowable for the same reasons. These claims are also deemed allowable for reciting separate uses for the recesses.

Respectfully submitted

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